

A meeting of Margaretting Parish Council took place at The Meeting Room, Margaretting Village Hall, Wantz Road on Thursday 10th January 2019 at 7.30 p.m.

Present; G Banks, H Blurton (Chairman), L Kerry, C Quilter and A Wallace.

Also present were four members of the public, Cllr I Grundy and L Cameron (Tree Warden)

91 Declarations of Interest There were no Declarations of Interest.

92 Democratic Time

a. W Henderson commented of the moving write up in Margaretting News by Canon John Brown for Tony Smith.

b. Mr Albon reported that there was still a leak on the land next to their property as reported at December's meeting. G Banks to speak to the water company on the Parish Council behalf.

93 Minutes

The minutes of the meeting dated Thursday 10th December 2018 were agreed and signed as a true and correct record.

94 Matters Arising

a. Shed/Three Mile Hill – nothing new to report

b. Pumping Station – This is the Old Telephone Exchange and is on the Enforcement list that was circulated in December.

c. War Memorial – H Blurton reported on the five year maintenance contract for the weeping pear trees at the war memorial and the fruit trees by the pond.

d. Dog Poo Bin – Clerk was waiting for confirmation that the usual waste bin on the corner of Wantz Road could be used as long as the poo was bagged up.

e. Section 116/117 Parsonage Lane – Nothing to report.

f. Over 60's Club – It was agreed that the parish council would pay £45.00 up until 1st April to cover the cost of the village hall hire after which if the club was still running the parish council will continue to pay for the hall hire every other session.

95 Allotments

A Wallace reported that there was no activity at the allotments. C Quilter presented a quote from Stephen Mayhew for £620.00 to cut back the hedging on the perimeter of the allotments by approximately 1.5 metre, to cut back all low overhanging branches and trim encroaching grass and brambles on boundary to create a 2 metre wide path around the allotments. A Wallace to obtain a quote for works and H Blurton to ask Bartletts for a quote.

L Cameron to speak to Bob Culliton to see if he could arrange for the group that carried out work to the village hall hedge to participate.

96. Accounts

Authority was given for payment of the following

H Blurton Chairman's Expenses (£50) Wreath for War Memorial (£25)

Pawle & Co Yellow Case for Defibrillator £438.00

Village Hall Insurance £458.89

It was noted that the BT direct debit was £97.30. The account sheet was outlined.

97. Community Matters

There was nothing to discuss about Community Matters

98. Eastern Angles

H Blurton reported that Eastern Angles were fully booked for the forthcoming year, should there be any cancellations they would notify the Parish Council. L Kerry was in contact with people that used her shop and may be interested in putting on a performance. L Kerry to try and organise a replacement event. It was agreed that Eastern Angles needed to be contacted before September in future for a booking the following year.

99. Defibrillator

The clerk had obtained confirmation from Greene King that the Black Bull could be used for the defibrillator. H Blurton was concerned about the number of cars outside P & P garage and that this would make it difficult to get to the defibrillator. The clerk explained that she was trying to 'Adopt the telephone kiosk' by the pond, as the defibrillator could be housed there.

A Wallace suggested that councillor's visit the sites agree on the most preferred one. A Wallace, L Kerry and H Blurton to meet up and do this.

100. Village Sites

Repairs and Maintenance

H Blurton reported that he had requested a quotation from a local resident regarding the repair of the bus shelter and to coat the Maldon Road gate with a preservative.

L Cameron asked the clerk to contact the Highway Rangers to clean some of the road signs around the village.

Pond and Trees

Clerk to follow up messages for advice on making the pond smaller. G Banks to speak to the Conservation Team.

H Blurton reported on the Community Grant which was up to £10,000. However, there was only a twelve day window to apply.

Roads, Pavements and Rights of Way

Clerk to report the kerbstone outside 9 Orton Close as it has been removed.

101. Planning

There were no applications to discuss and only one decision

1 Green Cottages, Ivy Barn Lane,

18/01888/CLOPUD Proposed detached garage **Refused**

H Blurton to contact the case officer Joseph Chitty regarding the fence on highways land at Whitewebbs.

102 Correspondence

There was no correspondence.

103 Any Other Business

a. It was agreed that anyone wanting to become a parish councillor would be sent the code of conduct information by the clerk.

b. Elections – Clerk to confirm with the City Council that she would be sent nomination packs for the elections. H Blurton reported that he would be staying on the parish council and do another year as Chairman if required.

c. Parish Surgery – dates for councillors to do the surgery were discussed.

d. Copy Paper – Authority was given for H Blurton to get two packs of copy paper.

e. Clerk to follow up knocked down tubular fencing in Swan Lane (for Repair)

f. Cllr Grundy reported that he had attended the Mayors Carol Service at the Cathedral where Margaretting School were singing, he reported on their brilliant performance.

g. Ingatestone library – Cllr Grundy reported that Ingatestone residents were fighting for their library.

- h. Cllr Grundy reported that Cllr Whitehead would like to attend the January Parish Council meeting clerk to forward him a copy of the agenda and minutes.
- i. Lyn Cameron reported that an electrician had fixed the outside lights at the village hall and serviced the smoke alarm; he reported a problem with the outside light at the office.
- J. Beacon – H Blurton reported he was to meet with Angela, Robert and Di Smith to discuss something to commemorate A Smith. The basket for the beacon had been suggested or a bench to go at the war memorial.
- k. clerk to report footpath 33 – 34 needed trimming back
- l. It was confirmed that the defibrillator would be maintained every two years.

There being no other business the meeting closed at 8.45 p.m.

Next meeting Thursday 14th February 2019 at 7.30 p.m.